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Sir:

Pursuant to their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants hereby bring to the examiner's attention patents and publications that may be material to the examination of the above-identified application. Therefore, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, applicants enclose a completed Form PTO-1449 listing the possible pertinent patents and publications.

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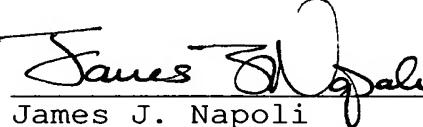
Michael A. Mitchell
Serial No. 09/875,593
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Title: Continuous Manufacture of Superabsorbent/Ion Exchange Sheet Material

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application. Therefore, under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), this Information Disclosure Statement shall be considered by the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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